

Ezra & Nehemiah: Restoration & Reform

Ezra means "JHVH (Jehovah) has Helped" and originally formed one work with the books of Chronicles and Nehemiah. Ezra probably wrote the book soon after returning to Jerusalem from Babylon, or between 456 and 445 B.C. The purpose of his writing was to document God's faithfulness to His promises.

There were three returns of the exiles: Zerubbabel in 537 BC, Ezra in 458 BC and Nehemiah in 445 BC.

| DATE | LEADER | TASK | BOOK | EVENTS |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| 537 BC | First Return | Return and | <i>EZRA</i> | |
| | Under | Rebuild | 1 | Proclamation by Cyrus |
| | Zerubbabel | | 2 | Census of Returned Exiles |
| | | | 3 | Worship Resumed & Rebuilding of Temple |
| | | | 4 | Opposition from Samaritans |
| 520 BC | | | 5 | Construction of Temple Resumed |
| 516 BC | | | 6 | Temple Completed |
| 473 BC | <i>BOOK OF</i> | <i>ESTHER</i> | | Esther is Queen of Persia |
| 458 BC | Second | Return and | 7 | Ezra Investigates Resettlement |
| 457 BC | Return | Reform | 8 | Ezra's Return with Second Group |
| | Under | | 9 | Ezra's Prayer of Anguish |
| | Ezra | | 10 | Reforms on Mixed Marriages |
| 445 BC | Nehemiah | Rebuilding | <i>NEHEMIAH</i> | |
| | | The Wall | 1 | Nehemiah's Grief for Exiles in Jerusalem |
| | | | 2 | Permission to Rebuild the City Walls |
| | | | 3 | Work Progressing |
| | | | 4 | Opposition by Outsiders |
| | | | 5 | Nehemiah's Unselfish Provisions |
| | | | 6 | Completion of the City Walls |
| | | | 7 | Census of the First Exiles |
| | Ezra | Revival | 8 | Revival through God's Word |
| | | | 9 | Repentance |
| | | | 10 | Commitment |

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| | Reformation | 11 | Leaders in Jerusalem |
| 433 BC | | 12 | Dedication of the Wall |
| | | 13 | Reforms on Foreign Marriages |

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